

Paper achieves forest certification

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Independent Paper's Amadeus paper range has attained Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) scheme accreditation.

The seal of approval by the environmental certification system means that all Amadeus sheet and Cutstar reels are now PEFC Chain of Custody (CoC) accredited, said Independent Paper.

The company was successfully audited for environmental certification systems and has also been awarded CoC for both PEFC and Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) schemes.

Group product manager at Independent Paper, Paul Cassidy, said: "The Amadeus grade is extremely popular with printers for its excellent ink lift and runability, the PEFC accreditation for the grade gives it a mark of environmental strength to add to its qualities.

The mill has some of the best environmental and social responsibility objectives in Europe and we are proud to associate ourselves with these aspects.

Our aim is to have all of our supplying mills to a similar high standard and have all the stock ranges PEFC or FSC accredited within the next year." Amadeus is produced at Burgo's Ardennes mill in Belgium, which is an integrated mill and has ISO 14001 and EMAS environmental accreditations.

The Burgo group is committed cutting its relative consumption of energy by 50 per cent.

The Ardennes mill sources its PEFC accredited pulp from within a 200km radius of the production site, thus reducing the carbon impact which would be caused from shipping other types of accredited pulp from around the world, said the company.

The next step for Amadeus is to have a 50 per cent FSC accredited recycled grade added to its product range and this is expected to happen with the next month or so.

Amadeus is a triple-coated paper.